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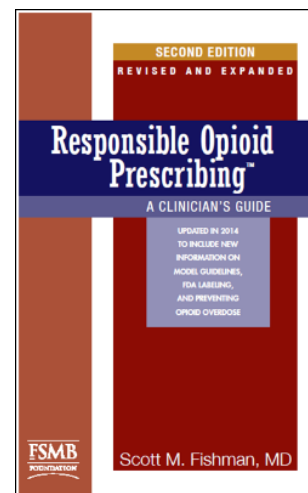
Updated book on opioid prescribing includes new information, free CMEs

DES MOINES, IA – The Iowa Board of Medicine is offering an updated book to Iowa physicians who prescribe controlled substances to patients who suffer from chronic pain.

Written by nationally recognized pain medicine specialist Scott M. Fishman, M.D., the expanded edition of “Responsible Opioid Prescribing: A Clinician's Guide” includes key portions of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration’s new “Opioid Overdose Prevention Toolkit” and new information on the U.S. Food and Drug Administration’s guidelines on pain medicines.

The edition is in step with several recent important federal efforts to combat prescription drug misuse, including the FDA Risk Evaluation and Mitigation Strategies content guidelines for prescriber education and the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy “Action Plan to Address National Prescription Drug Abuse Epidemic.”

The book is published by the Federation of State Medical Boards in collaboration with Dr. Fishman, chief of the division of pain medicine and professor of anesthesiology at the University of California, Davis.



Since 2011, the Iowa Board has distributed more than 3,000 copies of the book free of charge to Iowa physicians. The book complements a new requirement that Iowa physicians must complete two hours of continuing medical education activities for chronic pain management every five years. The 2014 edition is accredited for up to 7.25 CMEs free of charge through Oct. 1, 2016, through the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

The book is offered free of charge to Iowa physicians. To order a copy, call (515) 242-6039 or send an e-mail to ibm@iowa.gov. Include the physician’s name and postal address.